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School Physicals Covered by TRICARE

As the school season begins, parents are reminded that TRICARE covers physical examinations required for school enrollment for all eligible children aged five through 11. This benefit does not cover sports physicals.

To file a claim for reimbursement, overseas TRICARE beneficiaries should attach an itemized bill and a receipt for the school physical to a TRICARE claim form and send it to their claims processor, Wisconsin Physicians Services, at the following address:

TRICARE Europe
WPS-Claims Processing
P.O. Box 8976
Madison WI 53708-8976

Beneficiaries may file claims for any covered physicals received since Oct. 30, 2000, provided a receipt and itemized bill for the physical are submitted with a claim form.

TRICARE regards school physicals as clinical preventive services. TRICARE Prime enrollees will not have co-payments or need referrals or authorizations from their primary care managers unless they go to a non-network provider. TRICARE Standard beneficiaries do not have to get referrals, but they will have to pay applicable cost shares and deductibles for the school physicals.

Beneficiaries may download claim forms from the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil, or may contact their local TRICARE Service Center.

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